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## Punctuating Titles

## Teaching

Quotation marks, italics, and underlining used correctly in titles show what kind of work or selection is named.

**Quotation marks** Use quotation marks to set off the titles of short works.

Quotation Marks for Titles			
<b>Book chapter</b>	"An Unexpected Party," from <i>The Hobbit</i>	<b>Magazine article</b>	"According to Herodotos"
<b>Short story</b>	"The Lottery"	<b>Song</b>	"Home on the Range"
<b>Essay</b>	"The American Scholar"	<b>Poem</b>	"Kubla Khan"

**Italics and underlining** Use italics for titles of longer works and for the names of ships, trains, spacecraft, and individual airplanes (but not the type of plane—Boeing 707). In handwriting, use underlining to indicate words that should be in italics in printed material.

Italics or Underlines for Titles			
<b>Book</b>	<i>Swiss Family Robinson</i>	<b>Epic poem</b>	<i>The Odyssey</i>
<b>Play</b>	<i>Macbeth</i>	<b>Painting</b>	<i>American Gothic</i>
<b>Magazine</b>	<i>Rolling Stone</i>	<b>Ship</b>	<i>U.S.S. Missouri</i>
<b>Movie</b>	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	<b>Train</b>	<i>Phoebe Snow</i>
<b>TV series</b>	<i>Law and Order</i>	<b>Airplane or Spacecraft</b>	<i>Apollo 11</i>
<b>Long musical selection or CD</b>	<i>Beethoven's Fifth Symphony</i>		

## Punctuating Titles Correctly

Write each sentence, using quotation marks or underlining to set off titles.

1. The community theater group is putting on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

2. The American Scholar is an essay by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

3. Apollo 11 was the spacecraft that took the first humans to the moon.

4. The Snows of Kilimanjaro is a short story by Ernest Hemingway.

5. The Sun Also Rises is one of Hemingway's best-known novels.

6. Anna sang Home on the Range, Red River Valley, and In the Gloaming for the pageant.

7. Calliope is a magazine for young people about world history.

**Punctuating Titles*****More Practice*****A. Punctuating Titles Correctly**

In each sentence below, insert quotation marks where needed and underline words that should be italicized.

1. The Lusitania was torpedoed by a German U-boat; the Titanic struck an iceberg.
2. At Stratford, we saw productions of Macbeth, As You Like It, and Henry IV, Part I.
3. Sailing to Byzantium is one of William Butler Yeats's greatest poems.
4. The name of Charles Lindbergh's plane was Spirit of St. Louis.
5. Anne Morrow Lindbergh wrote a famous book entitled Gift from the Sea.
6. The Mariner 9 spacecraft orbited Mars; Mariner 10 flew by Venus and Mercury.
7. Do you know who wrote the music to The Star-Spangled Banner?
8. Ludwig van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony sets Friedrich Schiller's poem Ode to Joy to music.
9. I loved Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There, especially the chapter Humpty Dumpty.

**B. Punctuating Titles Correctly**

Use each title given in parentheses in a sentence, punctuating the title correctly.

1. (play by Arthur Miller: The Crucible) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. (short story by Nathaniel Hawthorne: Young Goodman Brown) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. (magazine: Natural History) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. (painting by Archibald Willard: The Spirit of '76) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. (book by F. Scott Fitzgerald: The Great Gatsby) \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. (poem: Casey at the Bat) \_\_\_\_\_  
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